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105TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 3824

[Report No. 105–574, Part I]

Amending the Fastener Quality Act to exempt from its coverage certain fasteners approved by the Federal Aviation Administration for use in aircraft.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 11, 1998

Mr. SENSENBRENNER (for himself, Mrs. MORELLA, and Mr. COOK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Science, and in addition to the Committee on Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

JUNE 9, 1998

Reported from the Committee on Science with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

JUNE 9, 1998

Referral to the Committee on Commerce extended for a period ending not later than June 9, 1998

JUNE 9, 1998

Committee on Commerce discharged; committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.**

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5 5414) is amended—

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7 before “The requirements of this Act”; and

8 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
9 section:

10 “(b) AIRCRAFT EXEMPTION.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The requirements of this
12 Act shall not apply to fasteners specifically manufac-
13 tured or altered for use on an aircraft if the quality
14 and suitability of those fasteners for that use has
15 been approved by the Federal Aviation Administra-
16 tion, except as provided in paragraph (2).

17 “(2) EXCEPTION.—Paragraph (1) shall not
18 apply to fasteners represented by the fastener manu-
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21 **SEC. 2. DELAYED IMPLEMENTATION OF REGULATIONS.**

22 *The regulations issued under the Fastener Quality Act*
 23 *by the National Institute of Standards and Technology on*
 24 *April 14, 1998, and any other regulations issued by the Na-*
 25 *tional Institute of Standards and Technology covering the*
 26 *same or similar subjects, shall not take effect until after*

1 *the later of June 1, 1999, or the expiration of 120 days*
2 *after the Secretary of Commerce transmits to the Congress*
3 *a report on—*

4 *(1) changes in fastener manufacturing processes*
5 *that have occurred since the enactment of the Fastener*
6 *Quality Act; and*

7 *(2) any changes in that Act that may be war-*
8 *ranted because of the changes reported under para-*
9 *graph (1).*

10 *The report required by this section shall be transmitted to*
11 *the Congress by February 1, 1999.*

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